

Proclamation

The Building Industry Association of Hawai'i, a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, has been representing the building industry and its associates since 1955. BIA-Hawai'i's approximately 450 members include: developers, contractors, suppliers, realtors, architects, financial institutions and various other professionals who serve the building industry.

During this recent period of a flourishing economy, Hawai'i's homebuilders have reached out to offer an opportunity of homeownership to a large portion our state's families. Lower mortgage interest rates that are available today have made it easier for working families to become homeowners.

Hawai'i's home builders have contributed significantly to our state's quest for affordable homeownership opportunities by pursing greater efficiencies and innovations in building techniques and materials.

This year, BIA-Hawai'i celebrates the 50th anniversary of its *Parade of Homes*. This annual *Parade of Homes* brings developers and contractors together with prospective home buyers in order to experience the latest trends, technologies and designs available in today's housing market.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2006 as

HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

in Hawai'i, and congratulate BIA-Hawai'i on the 50th anniversary of its annual *Parade of Homes*.

DONE, at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this third day of October 2006.

Linda Lingle

Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aiona Ir.

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i